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E'NÇENT OR MODURN KOINZ.

De valyú ov a kolekçun ov koinz iz jenurali estiméted bai ci amount it wud briq if ofurd at publik sal, but öfn a ménia for objeks ov kúriositi egzists wiout foundéçun, for instans ce tulip ménia of Holand; dûriq hwic hól estéts wur ekscénjd for a singl tulip ov a partikular kulur, until laik ce felyur ov a singl bank in a taim of jenrual ekspançun, a los ov konfidens bai wun purcasur woz folód bai a jenural panik, and aóz hú had invested aér properti wer rúind.

In aís kuntri ce façun iz tu komens wiç a kolekçun ov our mint koinej, inklüdiq wun ov evuri yír, and eni dét ov hwic fü wur içüd bñiç skërs, faindz purcasurz at ten taims ci amount ov a similar koin wiç difurent dét. Nekst tu aís a sırız ov our urli kolónial koinz, our nécunal and politikal medals and paturn písez ár praizd, aen ce koinz ov difurent nécunz, and lást ov ol ce koinej ov antikwiti.

In Yúrup ce ordur iz entairli rivursd, aóz hwic serv as gaidz tu ce studi ov éncunt histuri ár konsidurd ce móst valyúabl, nekst ce koinej ov aér ón kuntri and ov kotemporéri nécunz. Ce historikal valyú of éncent koinz iz veri grét, ekstendiq bak óvur twenti sençuriz, and bëriç simbolz reprizençin ol ce móst noted sitiz ov éncunt Gris, and ce pórtrêts ov ce rúlurz and cif pursunz ov I'gípt, Róm and E'ja. Wi wur rísentli gratifaid in rimüvin ce korójun from an óld koin tu faind ce leturz ΜΙΔΩΝ, hwic çod it tu bñ from ce siti ov Saidun. Meni ov aíz koinz not ónli koroboréti histuri, but giv an undisputed rekord ov aér ón, ov hwic wi hav nô udur trés.

We give on the opposite column the ordinary method of spelling, the article will be continued in kosm c in the next No.

ANCIENT OR MODERN COINS.

The value of a collection of coins is generally estimated by the amount it would bring if offered at public sale, but often a mania for objects of curiosity exists without foundation, for instance the tulip mania of Holland during which whole estates were exchanged for a single tulip of a particular color, until like the failure of a single bank in a time of general expansion a loss of confidence by one purchaser was followed by a general panic, and those who had invested their property were ruined.

In this country the fashion is to commence with a collection of our mint coinage including one of every year, and any date of which few were issued being scarce, finds purchasers at ten times the amount of a similar coin with different date. Next to this a series of our early colonial coins, our national and political medals and pattern pieces are prized, then the coins of different nations, and last of all the coin age of antiquity.

In Europe the order is entirely reversed, those which serve as guides to the study of ancient history are considered the most valuable, next the coinage of their own country and of cotemporary nations. The historical value of ancient coins is very great, extending back over twenty centuries and bearing symbols representing all the most noted cities of ancient Greece, and the portraits of the rulers and chief persons of Egypt, Rome and Asia. We were recently gratified in removing the corrosion from an old coin to find the letters ΜΙΔΩΝ, which showed it to be from the city of Sidon. Many of these coins not only corroborate history, but give an undisputed record of their own, of which we have no other trace.

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and 500 others.

### LIST OF PRIVATE REVENUES.

We give below a list of the various proprietary and other private revenue stamps of the U. S., three or four of these we have not seen, but copy from contemporary journals, we have nearly all the varieties in stock unused, those who wish to complete their collection may send list of wants to which we will affix prices.

Match stamps are indicated by a \*, playing cards by a †, the others are used on various patent preparations.

The shoe stamps used by the McKay Sewing Machine Co. are a private patent only, and not a government revenue.

- \* A. B. & S. 1 cent orange.
- \* Alexander's, 1 orange.
- \* Allen Thos. 1 green.
- Ayer J. C. & Co. long 1 black, star 4 blue.
- Allen Mrs. S. A., Hair restorer, 4 black.
- \* Baltimore Excelsior waterproof, 1 blue.
- \* Barber & Peckham, 1 blue, 3 black.
- \* " Geo. & O. C. 1 blue.
- \* " Match Co. 1 blue, 3 black.
- \* Bauer & Bendel, 1 blue.
- \* Bentz H. & M. 1 blue.
- \* Busfield & Poole, 1-3 black, 1 lilac 3 brown.
- \* Byam Carleton & Co. small, 1 black.
- \* " Wrappers, single head, 1 black on white paper, do. 1 on buff; double head, 1 on whit', do. 1 on buff (2 varieties).
- Brown F. Essence of s'inger, 2 black.
- Barnes D. S. & Co. head 1-2-4 black, 1-2-4 red.  
    " Demas " 1 red, 1-2-4 black.  
    " & Co. house, 1-2-4 black.
- Brown John I & Son. 1 black, 2 green, 4 brown.
- Bull Dr. Jno. 1 black, 4 blue.
- Brandreth B. 1 black.
- Barry's Tricopherous, 2 green.
- Bennett Pieters & Co. 4-6 black.
- Brown's Vermifuge Comfits, 1 black.
- Blow W. T. (Stevens eye water) 1 green.
- \* Bent & Lea, (Baraka) 1 black.
- Burnett 'os. & Co. 4-6 black.
- \* Chicago Match Co. 3 black.
- \* Cramer & Kemp, 1 black, 1 blue.
- \* C. (F. E.) 1 carmine.
- Cheeseman's pills, 4 green.
- Crook's wine of tar, 4 black.
- † Dougherty A. 2 orange, 4 black, 5-10 blue.
- Dalley J. 1 black, 2 green.
- Du Ponceau's pills, 4 black.
- Drake P. H. & Sons 2-4 black.
- Davis Perry & Son. 1 blue, 2 black, 4 brown.
- \* Eaton Jas. 1 bl. ck.
- \* Eicheler Aug. 1 black.
- \* Eicheler F. & Co. 1 blue.
- \* Far G. & Co. 1 black.
- Fahnestock B. A. 1 red.
- Fowle Seth W. & Son. 4 black.
- \* Gates Wm. 1-3-6 black.
- \* Gorman Thos. & Bro. 1 black, 1 green.
- \* Greenleaf & Co. 1 green, 3 red, 5 orange.
- \* Griggs & Scott, 1 black.
- \* Henning & Bonhacker, 1 b'ue.
- \* Howard B. & H. D. 1 blue, 1 carmine.
- † Hart, Saml. & Co. 5 black.
- Hall Reuben P. & Co. 4 black.
- Holloway's pills & ointment, 1 blue.
- Helmbold's, 2 blue, 3 green, 4-6 black.
- Hall & Ruckel, 1 green, 3 black.
- Hostetter & Smith, 4-6 black.
- Herrick's pills & plasters, 1 vermillion.
- Heaton E. & J. L. Joyce, 5 green.
- Henry Jno. F. 1 black, 2-4 lilac, 2 blue, 4 red.
- Hull C. E & Co. 1 black.
- Husband T. J. 2 red.
- \* Hunt L. G. 1 black.
- \* Ives P. T. 1-8 blue.
- Jayne Dr. D & Son. 1 blue, 2 black, 4 green.
- \* Kyle W. S. 1 black.
- Kennedy Dr. 2 green.
- Kelly & Co. 4 black.
- Kensett T. & Co. 1 green.
- \* Lacour's 1 black.
- † Lawrence & Cohen. 2 b'ue, 5 green.
- † Levy Jno. J. 5 black.
- Lee Chas. 1 blue.
- \* Littlefield Alvah 1 black.
- Laird's bloom of youth, 3 black.
- \* (Head of Franklin) 1 blue.
- Morehead's magnetic plasters 1 black.
- Mishler's herb bitters, 4-6 black.
- Merchant's gargling oil, 1 black, 2 green.
- McLane's liver pills, 1 black, 1 blue.  
    " vermfuge, 1 black.
- McLean Dr. J. H. 1 black.
- McMunn's elixir of opium, 1 green.
- Mercudo & Scully, 2 black.
- \* New York Match Co. 1 orange, long 1 green.
- \* Orono " 1 bl're.
- \* Park City " 1 green, 3 orange.
- \* Pierce " 1 green.
- \* P. M. Co. " 1 black.
- \* Powell V. R. 1 blue. 1c. vermillino
- Poland Dr. J W. white pine compound, 4 black
- Partridge & Co. Balm of 1000 flowers, 2 red.
- \* Richardson, D. W. 1 lake, 1 black, 3 blue, 3 red.
- \* Russell E. T. 1 black.
- Roback Dr. C. W. 1c. black on white, do. 1c. on yellow.
- Ransom D. & Co. 1 black, 1 b'ue.
- Ring's vegetable ambrosia, 4 black.
- Radway & Co. Ready relief, 2 black.
- Rush's medicines, 1 green.
- \* Roeber H. & W. 1 blue.
- \* Stanton H. 1 black.
- \* Star Match Co. 1 black.
- \* Swift & Courtney, 1 blue.
- Schenck's pills and syrup, 1 green, 6 black.
- Swaim's panacea, 8 orange.
- Sage's catarrh remedy, 2 black.
- † covill A. L. 1 black, 4 green.
- Soule Dr. E. L. & Co. 1 blue.
- \* T. (E. R.) 1 green.
- Thompson Jno. L. eye water, 1 black.
- \* Underwood Alex. & Co. 1 green.
- U. S. M. Co. 1 black.
- U. S. Proprietary medicine Co. 4-6 black.
- \* Wilmington parlor match Co. 1 black.
- \* Wise & Co. 1 black.
- Winslow Mrs. soothing syrup, 1-2 black.
- Wright R. G. & A. 1 blue, 2 black, 3 red, 4 green
- Wright's Indian vegetable pills, 1 green.
- Walker Dr. J. 4 black.
- Wilder Edward, 1 green, 4 carmine.
- \* Zisemann Griesheim & Co. 1 green. 2 blue.



#### NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

Unless otherwise described, the stamps are rectangular and perforated.

ALSACE & LORRAINE. 5 centimes green, 25 brown.

BELGIUM. Post card, 5 centimes black on buff.

DENMARK. Same type as 48 skilling 2 blue, 3 violet, 8 brown, 16 green.

FRANCE. (Complete list of all the new Republics we have seen); unperforate (similar to the engraving in last No.) 1 centime, light & dark green, 2 brown, 4 mauve, (similar to the 1848 issue,) 5 green, 10 bistre, 20 blue, 30 dark brown, 40 orange, 80 carmine. Perforate, 10 bistre, 20 blue, 30 brown, 40 orange. Roulette. 20 blue.

HOLLAND. ½ centime brown pink, 2½ violet.

PORTUGAL. Same values and colors as last issue, but differently engraved, 5 reis black, 10 yellow, 25 red.

SPANISH WEST INDIES. Seated figure holding olive branch, Ultramar 1871 at top, 25 c. de pese-  
ta blue, 50 green.

SWITZERLAND. Local, "Rigi Coulm," blue oval, red ground and flowers.

TASMANIA. Head of queen to left in beaded oval, "Tasmania" in curve at top, 1 penny rose, 2 green, 4 blue, 10 black.

"Le Timbres-poste" notes a blue adhesive for Levant, having the eagle and vessel on a white ground without the usual network; also the discovery of two envelopes on bluish paper for Finland issued in 1850, 5 kopecks indigo, 10 pink.

"The Philatelist" announces an oblong stamp black on white, "Fiji Islands, postage six pence", similar to the letter press stamps of the Sandwich Islands, also a new post card for the North German Confed. having the violet Hamburg stamp in the upper right hand corner.

#### EXTRACTS FROM OLD U. S. LETTERS.

"Mr. Henry Glen is ordered to the rifts & Still water to assist Mr. Vanvacty in the Battue service, and is to be let pass all posts."

JNO. BRADSTREET. D. Q. M. G.

ALBANY MAY 9. 1759."

From Wm. North. A. D. C. to Genl. Steuben.

"In order to induce officers to appear as such in their dress, and to prevent the trouble of continually saluting officers who are running in and out of the barracks on common occasions, or who are walking about the garrison for their amusement, I have thought it best to order that no officer should be saluted by guards or sentinels without he is dressed, and that no officer shall be considered as dressed who has not a cockade and sword on."

If this is not good please to inform me.

Your obedt. servt. W. North."

Fresh 1st of coins and stamps in next No.

At the auction sale of coins at Clinton Hall Feb. 16 & 17, 1871 the following were the principal bids. Proof sets of silver, 1857 \$12 50: 1858 \$10. Half dollars, 1797, \$13; pattern 1838, rev. spread eagle \$14.

Cents, 1793 link fine \$7 50; 1797 uncirculated \$4 75; 1799 poor \$6 25; 1804 good \$5 50; 1825 uncirculated \$6 50; 1841 proof \$6; Proof half cents 1831 \$11, 1840-41-42-44-45-46-48 each \$10; 1842 \$26; 1847 \$20; Wash'n. Eccleston medal \$10; Field medal, aluminum, \$12; do. bronze \$10; Gen. Nangle medal \$15; Alex. Hamilton 1795, \$11 25; Hispaniola copper \$5. The total proceeds exceeded \$1000.

We give this month an additional list of Autograph letters &c. for sale by Mr. Collins, which we would have continued but found that it left us very little room for reading matter. He proposes to issue a priced catalogue giving a connected list of all the principal names, if so it will be duly noticed in our columns; we shall continue to give extracts from interesting documents and letters in his collection.

We received notice last month from a good many of our subscribers, that their paper was not received. They were carefully deposited prepaid in the mail basket and we are not responsible for their non-reception. By enclosing stamps missing numbers will be forwarded.

The Massachusetts & California silver coin described in our last No. finds a mate in the collection of J. N. T. Levick Esq. of this city. We therefore reduce the price from \$15 to \$10.

We have purchased lately about 3000 ancient Roman and Greek copper coins, which make a very interesting study. The first and second brass which are mostly worn, we have sorted in boxes at 5 10 and 15 cents apiece, the Greek coins which average the size of a dime but thicker, at 10 and 15 cents each, and the third brass, at 5 and 3 cents, according to quality. We experience a great drawback in the expense of sending coins by mail, the third brass being small, require but little postage. We offer a selection of 20, all different legends, prepaid for \$1 10.

Some people doubt the genuineness of these third brass coins, they look so fresh and are found in such large quantities both in Italy and Great Britain, one of the greatest evidences in their favor is that it is almost impossible to find two from the same die.

In our next No. we will give an account of the Packer sale, which brought \$55 80. Several coin sales are proposed for April the first is at Bangs, April 3d.

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